

METHOD OF MANAGING UTILIZATION OF NETWORK INTRUSION  
DETECTION SYSTEMS IN A DYNAMIC DATA CENTER

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method of managing utilization of network intrusion detection  
5 systems in a dynamic data center is provided. A plurality of network  
intrusion detection systems are provided, each being networked so that  
utilization of each network intrusion detection system can be based on  
demand for the network intrusion detection systems in the dynamic data  
center. A monitoring policy and a plurality of monitoring points to be  
10 monitored on a network with any of the network intrusion detection systems  
are received. Further, the monitoring of the monitoring points is  
automatically arranged using the network intrusion detection systems and  
the monitoring policy.